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SUBJECT: ODUBER ON CANAL TREATY AND US-LA RELATIONS

1. AUG. 12 EXCELSIOR REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER HAS  
RECEIVED NEWS OF A NEW CANAL TREATY WITH GREAT SATISFACTION,  
AND IS QUOTED IN THIS REGARD: "RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS  
AND THE SMALL COUNTRIES, HAVE ACQUIRED A NEW DIMENSION IN TODAY'S  
WORLD."

2. ODUBER IS FURTHER QUOTED:

--"PRESIDENT CARTER, WITH HIS GREAT (LATIN) AMERICANIST SPIRIT HAS  
INTENSIFIED A NEW POLICY OF APPROXIMATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE  
THIRD WORLD, WHICH SIGNIFIES EVIDENCE THAT MERITS THE CONFIDENCE  
OF THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

--"IN AFRICA AND ASIA AS WELL AS IN LATIN AMERICA AN IMPRESSIVE  
CHANGE IN RELATIONS WITH THE US HAS BEEN NOTED. THOSE OF US  
WHO HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE US IN THE  
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LAST 30 YEARS REALIZE THIS CHANGE."

--"THE FACT THAT WE ARE, CLOSE TO US POWER IS THE MARK  
OF SPECIAL TREATMENT IN EXISTING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL  
RELATIONS."

--COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE "MUST REALIZE THAT ONLY

SOLUTIONS SUCH AS (THAT OF) THE PANAMA CANAL ARE ABLE TO  
BRING OUR PEOPLES TOGETHER."

--THE CAMPAIGN FOR A MORE FAVORABLE COMMERCIAL POLICY IS  
POSSIBLE WITH THE CARTER GOVERNMENT.

--"WHEN THERE WAS ANOTHER GOVERNMENT IN THE US I GAVE  
MORE PREFERENCE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. BUT NOW  
THAT THEY LISTEN TO US AND THEY RESPECT US IN WASHINGTON,  
WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE EFFORT FOR A MORE UNITED (NORTH  
AND SOUTH) AMERICA."

3. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER PLANS TO  
ATTEND THE SIGNING OF THE NEW CANAL TREATY, AND WOULD  
TRAVEL TO PANAMA THE SAME DAY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER DOES FOR  
THE CEREMONY.  
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